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Subject: [ ] (MI-6)

On 7 March Subject came to the writer's office; the principal reason for the call was that Chief, Near East Division through [ ] had asked to see Subject.

[ ] had two topics to discuss with Subject:

- (1) See attached note concerning CIA relations with the TAZIMIAK Party (Assyrians). On this Subject will advise his Headquarters;
- (2) [ ] stated CIA and the British Secret Service (MI-6) have certain limited liaison [ ] presently and [ ] makes occasional trips to Fayid and/or Ismailia. Discussions were held some months ago with [ ] Chief, Middle East Division, MI-6, on the possibility of establishing liaison at Ismailia; but to date no arrangement had been made for having an American (CIA officer) stationed there. [ ] said this failure to send a CIA representative was due to inability to arrange cover and to CIA's shortage of personnel. He asked Subject if he could determine [ ] "present thinking" on this problem, and on the possibility that MI-6 would move its headquarters from Ismailia or Fayid.

Subject said:

- (A) MI-6 would stay with the military headquarters and the British do not plan to leave the area until and unless a Surveyor's command is established at which point British headquarters might be removed to, say, Cyprus or even to Cairo;
- (B) No CIA officer would be allowed to be assigned to (in) the MI-6 office at Ismailia or Fayid. He said cover arrangements would be most difficult as there was only a desert and the two places (Ismailia and Fayid) and the Deso Development Corporation was the only firm in the area.

Subject promised to send London a cable on this question, however.

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Recommendations

It is the writer's opinion that both the above topics should have been sent to London for handling and it is recommended that such routine questions be so handled in the future.

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cc: Gandy, New York Airline Division ✓

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